

Legislation would end de facto drilling moratorium, provide relief for Hoosiers at the pump

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted on a series of bills over the last week that would help increase the supply of American energy and help ease Hoosiers' pain at the pump. The bills were put forth by the American Energy Initiative and Congressman Pence is a cosponsor of each bill.

"The price of gasoline in Indiana is among the highest in the nation," said Pence.

"All Hoosiers are feeling the pain and with the summer travel season just around the corner, Indiana's families will continue to pay the price for our country's failed energy policy.

"By enacting the measures passed in the House, we can start to get Americans back to work and increase our domestic supply of oil, which will help bring down prices at the pump," said Pence.

Background

H.R. 1229, the Putting the Gulf Back to Work Act provides firm timelines to the Obama Administration for considering permits for energy development. The bill passed the House 263-163.

H.R. 1230, the Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act requires the Obama Administration to move forward promptly on offshore lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Virginia that have been delayed or canceled. The bill passed the House 266-149.

H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act would lift the President's ban on new offshore drilling by requiring the Administration to move forward on the 2012-2017 lease plan and allow production in the areas containing the most oil and natural resources. The bill passed the House 243-179.